

# Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services 2016 Juvenile Detention Inspection - Compliance Report



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## INTRODUCTION

The new Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards are in the process of being adopted, therefore the 16<sup>th</sup> annual evaluation of the Grant County Juvenile Detention Center consisted of an audit of the current 26 mandatory compliance standards or the corresponding 16 newly proposed mandatory compliance standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards is required to attain “Full Compliance”.

## FACILITY INFORMATION

<b>Facility county</b>	Grant
<b>Governing authority</b>	Grant County Sheriff Department
<b>Name of facility administrator</b>	Brenda Chambers
<b>Detention facility’s mission</b>	Provide short term care in secure custody to juveniles who are accused or adjudicated pending court action or awaiting transfer to another facility and who

	<p>cannot be served in an open setting until legal commitment of the juvenile is determined.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing for the juveniles' basic needs, such as shelter, food, clothing, and medical care.</li> <li>• Preventing the abridgment of juveniles' legal rights during detainment at the facility.</li> <li>• Providing for the physical, emotional, religious, educational, and social needs of juveniles during detainment.</li> <li>• Housing the juveniles in a safe and humane environment.</li> <li>• Maintaining the level of security necessary within the Detention Center to prevent escape and assure that juveniles live free of fear from assaults or intimidation by staff or other juveniles.</li> </ul>
<b>Rated capacity</b>	46
<b>Population on date of audit</b>	13
<b>Average daily population for the last 12 months</b>	18
<b>Average length of stay for the last 12 months</b>	48 days
<b>Year the building was built</b>	Opened in 2000
<b>Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings)</b>	New flooring inside the detention center entry.
<b>Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system)</b>	None
<b>De-escalation techniques training</b>	Yes
<b>Physical force techniques training</b>	Yes
<b>Chemical agents permitted</b>	No
<b>Name of food service provider</b>	Grant County Juvenile Detention Center
<b>Name of food service supervisor</b>	L. Carpenter
<b>Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification</b>	Quality Correctional Care
<b>Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification</b>	Family Service Society and Cornerstone Behavioral Health Center on an as-needed basis

## INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 16 MANDATORY STANDARDS

<b>Auditors</b>	Chance Sweat, Kristin Herrmann, and Kellie Whitcomb
<b>File Review of the 16 mandatory standards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zero (0) standards were identified as non-applicable, and zero (0) mandatory standards were found to be non-compliant.</li> <li>• Grant County Juvenile Detention Center was in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards</li> </ul>
<b>Facility Tour</b>	The facility was extremely clean and well organized.
<b>Youth Interviews</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three youth, one female and two males, all with three or more previous detention stays, were interviewed about their experiences at the facility.</li> <li>• All youth reported feeling safe at the facility.</li> <li>• Youth provided the following recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The facility should provide hair care services;</li> <li>• The facility should lower the price of telephone calls because the youth had only been able to afford three or four phone calls during the six month detention; and</li> <li>• The facility should provide more programs or recreational activities throughout the day.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve the working relationship and communication between the health care service provider and the juvenile detention facility staff, by meeting on a regular basis to discuss the delivery of health care services to youth in placement at the detention center.</li> </ul>

**SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCED AND/OR UNANNOUNCED VISIT(S)**

On 1/28/2016, a subsequent visit was conducted of the Grant County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. All youth appeared to be in good health. All areas appeared to be well-maintained, and the sanitation level in the facility was found to satisfactory. Youth were observed participating in education, and the facility population count was 12.

On 3/30/2016, a second subsequent visit was conducted of the Grant County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Lt. Chambers. Youth were observed participating in education classes and eating lunch. The facility’s population count was 20. All youth appeared to be in good health. All areas of the facility appeared to be well-maintained, and the sanitation level in the facility was found to be above average.

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VISIT(S)**

The Grant County Juvenile Detention Center's education standards - technical assistance visit occurred on 1/28/16 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann. The education program follows the local school corporation's calendar and provides special programming during extended breaks. An instructional day is five and a half hours. Instruction is delivered via an on-site, licensed classroom teacher either utilizing a curriculum created at the facility, overseeing an approved online instructional program, or facilitating work assigned from the juvenile's home school. The method of instruction depends on the juvenile's need. Program staff includes one full-time teacher and one full-time aide.

The Grant County Juvenile Detention Center's training and staff development standards - technical assistance visit occurred on 5/31/16 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann. The technical assistance provided included identifying key changes to the standards, answering questions, and discussing the facility's training plan.

Multiple health care standards – technical assistance contacts took place over the course of the year. Poor communication has been demonstrated between the health care service provider, Quality Correctional Care and the juvenile detention facility staff. This strained relationship between the service provider and the detention staff resulted in a delay in the facility's ability to demonstrate compliance with the health care standards. Compliance with all mandatory health care standards was demonstrated at the end of December, 2016.

## CONCLUSION

Grant County Juvenile Detention Center is in full compliance with the 2016 Indiana Detention Center Standards Audit performed by the Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services.

A certificate of compliance will accompany this report, which becomes public information ten (10) days from the date of mailing.

Please contact me at (317) 607-6507 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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